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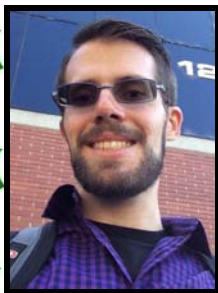
December 2016

President's Message

Hello fellow AARA club members. My name is Eric Credeur KG5JHP and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president during the upcoming months. It is my goal to continue the incredibly inclusive nature of our club by enabling interest groups and increasing community engagement as we explore the ever changing landscape of amateur radio.

A Louisiana native, I started my career in computing as an in-home service technician. As my skills matured I began focusing my attention on small to medium sized businesses eventually specializing in software development building large scale applications. Through my various positions the most valuable skill I learned in my career is the ability to work with and engage fellow team members.

As your president, I do hope that you will allow me to utilize my skills for the betterment of our club. Of course I will make every effort to maintain the rich heritage that emanates from our existing membership. I will also do my best to help bring to fruition the diverse ideas offered by the various interest groups within our club.



With that in mind, I would love to hear all of your ideas. There is no such thing as a "crazy idea" so don't limit yourself. Reach out and who knows what we can accomplish together.

I again thank you for this incredible opportunity and I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we continue to make AARA an amazing place to learn, laugh, and explore. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

73
Eric KG5JHP
AARA President



AARA CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Thursday, December 1, 2016 @ 6:00 PM at the **Golden Corral, 3110 Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette, LA 70506**. Dutch Treat - Non-business meeting - No VE testing.

Vice President's Message

By Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

First, I would like to congratulate Eric Credeur for volunteering to take on the role of President to fill out the term of Mark Saltzman, W5GTI. I am sure we will all give Eric our help and support.

One of the tasks assigned to the Vice President is to provide timely presentations on subjects of interest to the membership. We are always on the lookout for people to present topics to the club or to suggest topics that they want to hear. If you have a topic that you are interested in or have a topic to present, let me know. My email address and phone number are on the club web site at W5DDL.org.

At a couple of times during the license classes, people mentioned an interest in learning how to build and install antennas. Also mentioned is the possibility of having a club activity on building an antenna, especially for new hams. Both VHF and HF antennas were mentioned. We will take this under consideration at one of our board meetings, but if any of you have a favorite antenna you would like to spotlight, let us know.

Some time ago Paul Scallan, K5VSH, made a general presentation on antennas along with their good points and bad points. I will make copies of this and have them available for the January meeting. Paul had given me permission to make copies at any time.

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Happy New Year

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

December 1, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

Golden Corral

3110 Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette, LA 70506

Dutch Treat - No VE Testing

Local 2-Meter Nets**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM

Repeater Rotation - See Calendar on page 7.

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net

145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

EchoLink Node: 370324

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NOVEMBER 3, 2016 AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The AARA General meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by acting President Larry KE5KJD.

- ♦ Opening prayer delivered by Eugene KG5PHJ.
- ♦ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and repeated by Sandy KE5KJF in Cajun French.
- ♦ Motions to accept the October minutes as printed in the LARC was made by Danny KD5JSM and seconded by Kathy KD5TJZ and accepted by all.
- ♦ Treasurer's report was given by Larry KE5KJD on behalf of Tom W5OHJ who was unavailable. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and approved by the members.

MONDAY NIGHT AARA NET:

New AARA Monday Night Net controllers are as follows:

Danny, KD5JSM

Eric, KG5JHP

Paul, N5KNY

Derek, WM5TS

Linda KE5HSY, Net Manager, had a short meeting with the net controllers after the general meeting concluded.

NPOTA:

The following members attended NPOTA: Kathy KD5TJZ, Danny KD5JSM, Glen KF5FNP, Herman KN5GRK, Larry KE5KJD, Chris KG5MCY, and Ramona KG5HNO.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 1, 2016, Thursday, at the Golden Corral at 6:00 p.m. This is Dutch treat and there will be drawings for prizes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The new Nominating Committee volunteers are:

Linda KE5HSY, Sandy KE5KJF, Glen KF5FNP, and Ramona KG5HNO.

NEW PRESIDENT:

We would like to welcome our new President, Eric Credeur, KG5JHP. He will be finishing out the remaining term for our previous president, Mark Saltzman. Larry, KE5KJD will continue as our Vice President.

443.000 REPEATER:

The 443 repeater is up working again after a new antenna was installed. Thanks to all members who helped.

AARA 2017 HAMFEST:

Glen KF5FNP and Galen KF5BET will be the AARA Hamfest Chairmen for 2017.

PRESENTATION:

Paul, N5KNY, gave a demonstration on how he put together his Go-kit.

ARES MEETING:

A short ARES meeting was held following the general meeting.

Minutes taken by Ramona, KG5HNO - AARA Secretary

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. would like to send out our **THANKS** to The Lafayette Salvation Army and officers Major Mel James and Major Ester James for supporting our club newsletter **LARC** by letting us use their copy machine to reproduce the newsletter that we send via snail mail. Again THANKS for all you do for others.



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Get Your Radio On: SKYWARN™ Recognition Day, December 3



The annual SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) will be held this year on Saturday, December 3, 2016. This is the day when Amateur Radio operators visit National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other operators around the world. The purpose of the event is to recognize the vital public



service contributions that Amateur Radio operators make during National Weather Service severe weather warning operations. It also strengthens the bond between Amateur Radio operators and the local National Weather Service. The event is co-sponsored by ARRL and the National Weather Service. Please remember that this is not a contest, so no scoring will be computed.

Object: For all radio amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service stations as possible on 80 through 10 meters, including 6 and 2 meters bands and the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

Date: National Weather Service stations will operate December 3, 2016, from 0000 - 2400 UTC.

Exchange: Call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two-word description of the weather occurring at your site.

Modes: National Weather Service stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g. NØA/NWS).

Station Control Operator: It is suggested that during SRD operations, a non-National Weather Service volunteer who is a licensed radio amateur serve as a control operator for the station that is set up at a NWS office.

New this year: There will be a new log submission process introduced this year, and W1AW at ARRL Headquarters is scheduled to be on the air for SKYWARN™ Recognition Day. More details will be released later.

November Louisiana Section Newsletter

By Scott Wren KD5DFL - ARRL LA Section Manager

OFFICIAL OBSERVER: We have had several complaints over the last several months regarding repeater and HF interference. I had two Louisiana hams who requested to become Official Observers in order to help deal with the issues at hand. At the present time ARRL is revamping the Official Observer Program, therefore they are not taking applications at the present time. In the meantime, in order to deal with state issues, we will have to work with our current system. Please document carefully regarding times, frequencies (repeaters), location, and what the person or

persons are doing that you believe is illegal. Audio recordings would be very helpful. If you can take a video of the issue with the camera showing the frequency and the offending audio, you can upload to youtube.com and have a quick link to give to the OO and/or FCC. After you or your group have completed your documentation please send it to our current state Official Observer, Ron Rieviere, WB5CXJ. He is good at: ooc@laarrl.org

You don't really need a radio, a computer will do, check out:

<http://www.websdr.org>

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Also, there are MANY articles on the internet on how to build VHF/UHF and HF antennas. Reading these can give you a basic idea on how to proceed. If you are not sure which one to build, you can ask any of the club members and they should be able to help you. Of course, you must know your own situation in terms of lot size, availability of trees and supports, as well as power line locations and your budget.

Larry KE5KJD

AARA Vice President

REMINDERS

The year 2017 is just about upon us. Here are a few items to keep in mind.

- If you have not paid your 2017-2018 AARA membership dues, now is the time to do so. You can download a .PDF application at:

www.w5ddl.org

- The AARA Officers Nominating Committee will present their selection at the January 2017 general meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the February general meeting and elections held. The new officers will be installed at the March meeting after the AARA Hamfest. You must be a paid-up member in good standing to be able to hold a office. See AARA Bylaws at:

w5ddl.org/aaralegal.htm

- 2017 AARA Hamfest will take place at the Rayne Civic Center in Rayne, Louisiana on March 10th & 11th. Plans are now under way to make it another GREAT one due to the main efforts of Glen Thibodeaux KFFNP and Galen Wilson KF5BET. We will again be looking for volunteers to help out with this event.

"The Night Before Christmas", Ham Radio-style

Tw'as the night before Christmas, when all through the town,
The snowstorm was raging, the phone lines we down;
The wind it did howl, the tree limbs did crack,
I hope that St. Nick isn't forced to turn back.
The wife making cookies, the kids making noise,
While away in the shack, by my rig I was poised.
The finals were glowing, the mike gain was set,
I was chasing DX to see what I could get.
The bands were all empty, the frequencies clear,
Except one lone station that sounded quite near.
He was calling CQ and my interest did pique,
When he ended transmission with the words,
"Old St. Nick".

I answered back quickly, I used great dispatch,
If this were St. Nicholas, good God, what a catch!
We exchanged information, it was really quite graphic,
Then he came back and said,
"I've emergency traffic!"
His reindeer were tired, his elves in a grump,
If he didn't land soon, then his sleigh he would dump.
I thought very carefully, I thought very hard,
Then I gave him directions to my snow covered yard.
As he flew past my window, his hair like a mane,
He reined in his chargers and called them by name:
"Whoa, Anode! Whoa, Cathode! Whoa, Zener! Whoa,
Diode! Stop, Heater! Stop, Grid leak! Stop, Bias! Stop,
Triode!
You're flying too low! you're flying too fast!

Look out, you dumb reindeer, his antenna mast!"
So into the backyard the reindeer did drop,
St. Nick, the elves, and the sleigh went kerplow!
Then at the back door, I heard this loud knocking,
"Open up in there, or I won't fill your stocking!"
As I turned off the light and was leaving the shack,
Into the house Saint Nicholas came from the back--
His two-meter rig held to his hip with a strap,
"Hams do it in the shack" on the front of his cap.
The sack that he carried made his aged brow furrow,
And he handed me a card that read,
"QSL Via Bureau".
His clothes were all sooty, from his shoes to his vest;
I felt like a novice taking his test.
His fingers were calloused and from what I could tell,
This came from a straight key that I'll bet he used well.
I offered him coffee, I offered him smokes,
I tried easing the tension by telling ham jokes.
Then he nodded his head and raised up his thumb,
He smiled like an Elmer, did I ever feel dumb.
He grabbed up his sack and went straight for the tree,
And placed in it a large present for me.
When he finished his work, he stood up, took a bow,
Then out the back door to his team he did plow.
But I heard him exclaim as he flew o'er the land,
"Beware the FCC, friend, we were both out of band!"

Merry Christmas from my house to yours!

NOVEMBER VE TEST SESSION RESULTS

VE's at the November test session were:

Galen KF5BET, Brett KG5IOU, Ric KF5KEL and Greg K5LFT.

Thanks to Greg Dolan II K5LFT for administrating the VE Test Sessions over the year 2016.

November 3, 2016 was a very good night for this test session:

Those earning their Technician Class License were:

David M. Cox of New Roads, LA received call KG5QKT.

Alexander L. Percy of Chestnut Hill, MA received call KC1GQQ.

David K. Jarreau of New Roads, LA received call KG5QKR

The following Technicians have not cleared the FCC data base as per November 27, 2016:

Raymond D. Domingue of Rayne, LA.

Gary L. Huston of Lafayette, LA.

Joseph D. Meaux, Jr. of Lafayette, LA

Dillard A. Ortega of Eunice, LA.

Those upgrading to General Class were:

Dean C. Talley KD5JZN of St. Martinsville, LA.

Eugene B. Roy KG5PHJ of Lafayette, LA.

73 de Greg K5LFT



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National Parks ON THE AIR

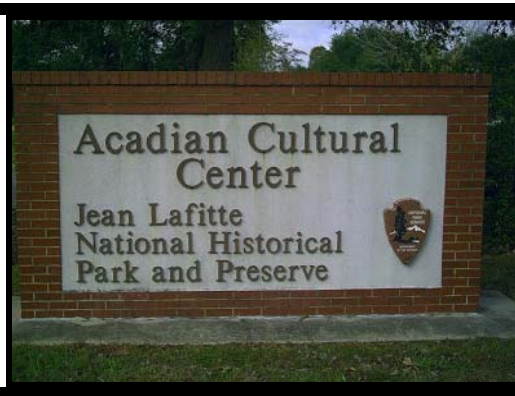
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AARA NOPTA SPECIAL EVENT REPORT

November 7, 2016

Held at the Jean Lafitte Acadian Cultural Center National Historical Park and Preserve - Lafayette, Louisiana.



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Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) held their second NOPTA Special Event on Saturday November 7, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM Central time. It was one of the most beautiful days ever, brisk in the morning in the mid 60's and warming up to the mid 70's at noon. Picture 1 shows our setup at the park location.

Everything went well and 340 contacts were made on 40 & 20 meters with Chris KG5MCY (picture 2) making most of the contacts from AMOS II on 20m using the Force 12 Tri-bander on the antenna trailer. Danny KD5JSM (pictures 3 & 4) had set up his Go-Kit and was working 10 m but had very few contacts due to poor band conditions. Glen KF5FNP (pictures 5 & 6) had set up his Go-Kit and operated on 40 m and did somewhat better.

We had several visitors that took a look at our stations and asked many questions about ham radio. They were very impressed and enjoyed their tour conducted by Tom W5OHJ.

Thanks go to the members of the AARA that helped set up, operate and attended the event were:

Ramona KG5HNO, Abigail KF5BEW, John KG5NZF, Alton W9HUT, Danny KD5JSM, Kathy KD5TJZ, Herman KN5GRK, Bret KG5IQU, Tom W5OHJ, Galen KF5BET, Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF, Glen KF5FNP, John KG5FNP, Gene KG5PHJ, Chris KG5MCY, Daryl KG5OVL, and Archie W5AG with guest.



↩ AMOS II Communication Trailer
Antenna Trailer tower with
Force 12 Tri-bander ➡





The Cajun Cup 10K Run took place on November 12, 2016 in downtown Lafayette, Louisiana. The race kicked off at 8:05 AM on a brisk very beautiful morning.

Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) volunteered to provide communications along the race route. Ramona Jobe KG5HNO volunteered to coordinate communications and to be the command post operator. Volunteers around the course would report the first male and female runners to cross their check point to the command post.

AARA volunteers met at a designated location at 7:00 AM, where doughnuts were served and "T" shirts donated by the "Cajun Road Runners Club" and their sponsors were passed out. At 7:30 AM, volunteers went to their designated check points. The last runner (s) came in at about 10:15 and

Ramona released all volunteers from their duties. Volunteers wearing the "T" shirts were entitled to go to *Paec Sans Souci & Parc International* food courts for free food, drinks and sponsor handouts.

There was only accident reported by one of the check point volunteers that was relayed to the command post where an ambulance was immediately called and dispatched to the location. Other than that one incident, every thing else went smoothly.

Herman KN5GRK had stationed himself along the race course (Johnston & Convent St.) where one of the Lafayette Police Officers (Capt. Mike Starling) had stationed himself. Herman engaged in some casual conversation with Mike and found out that his dad had been a ham operator at one time and that he (Mike) remembers that his dad would get our club newsletter LARC, this was probably 10 - 20 years ago when Mike was in his early teens. Too bad that he could not remember his call, maybe someone reading this article can remember. Another observation, as the runners passed by Mike and his motorcycle, many of them gave him a "thumbs up" and told him how much they appreciated the men & women wearing "The Badge".



Volunteers Left to Right: Galen KF5BET, Eric KG5JHP, Kendra KF5FY5, Ralph WB5GAF, Abbi KF5BEW, Phoebe KC5VRN, Priscilla K5PCL, Herman KN5GRK, Bob K5IVR, Tom W5OHJ and Event Coordinator Ramona KG5HNO sitting down. Greg K5LFT took picture and therefore is not in picture.

Race Winners

↩ **1st Male** - Adam Saloom with a time of 31:57.9 minutes.
Amy Talbot with a time of 39:52.5 minutes.
1st Female ➡

See the official race results at:
cajunroadrunners.com



AARA Cajun Cup 10 K Race Coordinator Ramona KG5HNO would like to thank everyone for volunteering in helping with this race and looking forward to the 2017 Cajun Cup 10 K RUN - 73

NOVEMBER 2016 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	70	Ø	105	KE5HSY Linda
Acadiana ARES Net	5	59	Ø	165	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	34	Ø	42	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	N/A	N/A	Ø	N/A	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

“How did it get so late so soon?”

— Dr. Seuss

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Linda Breaux KE5HSY is the new AARA Monday Night Manager and she will be setting up the net rotation in the future. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the December rotation list.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
12/05/2016	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
12/12/2016	7:00 PM	145.410 LYDIA	NONE	Paul N5KNY
12/19/2016	7:00 PM	147.150 W5OPL	103.5	Eric KG5JHP
16/28/2016	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5	Chris KG5MCY

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

11/30 JOHN	K5JMR
12/04 DEMIAN	W6DLN
12/04 PATRICK	KG5KZJ
12/08 FRED	KE5LP
12/09 ROLAND	NA5Q
12/11 PAT	ND5C
12/19 CARL	KE5SAE
12/21 JIMMIE	N8OVD
12/22 GERARD	KD5VPC
12/29 DAVID	KC5DPL
1/01 NICK	K5QXJ
1/03 BARBARA	N5AUO
1/05 ARCHIE	W5AG

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November 2016 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

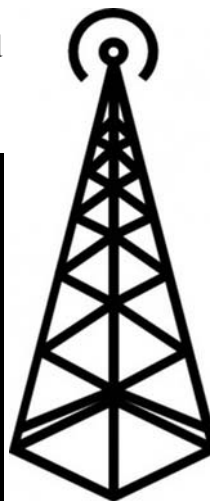
Mark Twain Birthday Special Event

Members of ARRL Headquarters staff will be on the air as W1T, November 28-December 4, in honor of Mark Twain's 181st birthday. On November 30, Twain's actual birthday, the Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, Connecticut has granted permission for a special event station to be set up in the front yard of the house from 9 AM until 4 PM EST (1400-2100 UTC).



W1T activity on November 30 will be exclusively from the Mark Twain House and Museum; all other W1T activity during the week will be conducted from other sites, as ARRL staff time permits. All bands and modes will be considered, including satellite operation. A special W1T

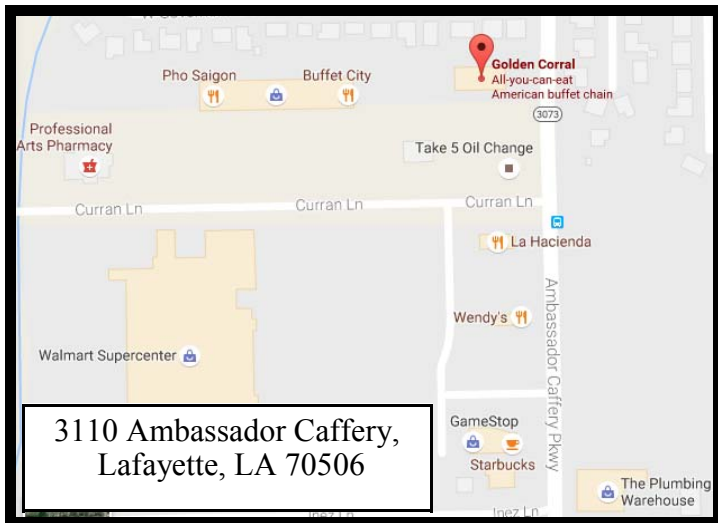
QSL card will be available to commemorate the event. Complete information is available on the W1T listing at qrz.com.



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



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Share the Fun -
Bring a Friend to be a
HAM !



AARA CHRISTMAS BANQUET
Thursday December 1, 2016 - 6:00 PM
Golden Corral - Ambassador Caffery
Dutch Treat - No VE Testing
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
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Ranch Potatoes

INGREDIENTS:

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| 8-10 medium potatoes, peeled, and cut into 1/2 inch cubes | 1 envelope ranch dressing mix |
| 1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted | 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided salt and pepper |
| 1 1/4 cups milk | 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled |

INSTRUCTIONS:

Add the potatoes to a saucepan. Add water to cover. Bring to a boil; cook about 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are almost tender; drain. Place drained potatoes into a greased 13x9 inch baking dish.

In a bowl, mix together the soup, milk, salad dressing mix, 1 cup cheese, salt and pepper to taste; pour over potatoes. Sprinkle crumbled bacon and the remaining cheese over the top. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until potatoes are tender

This was very simple to make. I did mix potatoes with main ingredients before putting them in the pan and topping with the additional cheese and bacon. I had a ton of potatoes from the garden so I made up 4 13x9 pans of them. When completely cooled in fridge, I bagged up in quart-sized freezer bags and froze the rest. We just had some last night again from the freezer and they're as good as freshly made!

Enjoy!



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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